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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 2nd and 4th meetings, on 4 and 7 October 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.2 and 4). An addendum to the present report will reflect further consideration of the item by the Committee during the fifty-ninth session.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 1 July 2004 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, transmitting a letter dated 28 June 2004 from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/58/40).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.2

4. At the 4th meeting, on 7 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter" (A/C.5/59/L.2), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, based on the agreement reached at the Committee's 2nd meeting, held on 4 October.

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5. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of Liberia, statements were made by the representatives of India, the United States of America, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Cuba, the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the European Union), Trinidad and Tobago, the Russian Federation, Yemen, Japan, Bangladesh, Nigeria, China, Morocco, Qatar, Uruguay and Venezuela.

6. At the same meeting, following a suspension of the meeting, the Secretary of the Committee orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "a statement by the Permanent Representative of Georgia" were replaced by the words "statements by the representatives of Georgia and Liberia";

(b) Footnote number 3 was added after "Liberia", to read "A/C.5/59/SR.4";

(c) In operative paragraph 5, after the word "Georgia" the words "and Liberia" were added;

(d) In operative paragraph 6, in both instances, after the word "Georgia" the words "and Liberia" were added;

(e) In operative paragraph 7, after the word "Georgia" the words "and Liberia" were added.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.2, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 9).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Georgia.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Having considered the letter dated 1 July 2004 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee transmitting a letter dated 28 June 2004 from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions regarding the recommendations of the Committee on requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations[1] and the statements by the Representatives of Georgia[2] and Liberia,[3]

Reaffirming the obligation of Member States under Article 17 of the Charter to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

[1] See A/C.5/58/40.
[2] A/C.5/59/SR.2.
[3] A/C.5/59/SR.4.

1. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Also reaffirms* its resolution 54/237 C of 23 December 1999;

3. *Agrees* that the failure of the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, the Niger, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control;[1]

4. *Decides* that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, the Niger, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until 30 June 2005;

5. *Takes note* of the information provided by Georgia and Liberia;

6. *Concludes* that the failure of Georgia and Liberia to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control and invites Georgia and Liberia to submit appropriate information to the Committee on Contributions if similar circumstances prevail in the future;

7. *Decides* that Georgia and Liberia should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until 30 June 2005.